### A BIRTHDAY OF THE NATION

Celebrated in Fitting Style by the Patriotic Citizens.

HOW RICHMOND HONORED THE DAY.

There Was a General Exodus From the City of All Except the Small Boy and the Firecrackers The Excursions.

It was the long looked-for Fourth. days the question, "How are you to spend the Fourth?" could be on when aroused from peaceful os vesterday morning at 6 o'clock onading process of the small o find that it was a beautiful, balmy and all nature seemed to smile proy upon the day which celebrated advocadeace of the great American

s ago the proud little colo rights, come what might of the yoke of England and a free nation. They were few, sere determined, and that spirit which has wrought so much an prosperity inspired the lit-to stand up boildy and defy nother with a plack that sub-mined for them what they had f absolute liberty. The song resoundeth from the Atlantic are and from the Great Lakes of of Mexico, while the refrain ered up by the small boy and ned during the day through the known as the "baby-waker," at night, when it burst grand, gorgeous display of ic beauty, and American indewas celebrated.

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Ichmond the day was a typical

i. As early as 6 o'clock in the

is the jolly picnickers began to
themselves in preparation for a
down the river, to the Chestervoods, at Forest Hill Park, or the
house, and many a merry party
the city for a season of rest and
them.

d a half-deserted appearance, iks all closed, giving the capital-the handlers of of the chink a bleacheries and cheered them arse, or guyed the errors of the in the street-cars made a small while the liverymen put aside a ritle sum for hard times. In the hundreds of people who couldn't of town langed about and took, the squirrel gamboled upon the sward in the Capitol Square and upon peanuts from the hands of le ones, the lee-cream man went with his good refreshments, the and the little English sparrow himself upon a green twig and a few notes by way of routine, a patriotic celebration, and the loving people did justice to the each in his chosen way, while ed of liberty issued from every to the glory of the great Ameri-

The Howitzers at Providence Forge. Richmond Howitzers held the

was some little delay in the start. the opportunity to heir former command of the train at Provgroups were made to the pavilion disappeared ninutes with jolly fisher-ess was rather doubtful,

f old Howitzers spent umber of old Howlizers spent et of their time in throwing most enthusiastic particl-Aldermen Joseph W. Carter T. Gary; Councilman W. L. unel W. P. Smith and Messus, her, E. J. Bosher, Frank D. H. McGuire and John Bow-

arty took special delight in t-ball, and for several hours a actually kicked all over the George B. McAdams and Mr. r took the most active part

ball nines were made up in a by members of the company rong enough to expose them-e scorching sun. In the afterfrom the Howitzers and the

the cyptess trees, and about 2 partook of an inviting dinner. epast a shooting match for a d medal was arranged near the lowitzers and some of the old mem-took part in the same. The contest a lively one, and the medal was y won by Bugler Cowardin, with W. P. Smith as second and Mr. B. McAdams a good third.

oung people showed their perse-in paying tribute to Terpsichore, one caused, of course, by and the other one took place

Ishermen had become tired piscatorial endeavors a few ing parties were made up on and, and the skiffs leisurely shore in the shade of the

but it was twenty minutes all the excursionists could in. The distance of twenty-\* miles between Providence

d Richmond was covered in thirty

### Walker Light Guard.

be gallant Walker Light Guard spent glorious Fourth most delightfully at ity retreat in Chesterfield county be the sun had a chance to create much afort, and there was not a metric in the Union than those sam of in the Chion than those same ler boys and their young lady friends, of the Guards, and there were many them, were white duck tronsers, fa-e coals and white canvas caps, and a picturesque appearance with

maidens in their smartest gowns ewitching sailor hats. committee, that necessary adjunct all well regulated picnics, soon saw it that there was plenty of lemonade, of the young men of athletic build soon sinced and non-commissioned officers. blayed the privates, and the men of the privates, and the men of the privates are the privates. by a score of 28 to 23. Five innings were played. Basehits were innumerable, and savaral of the players were guilty of flagrantly violating the rules by making

After the ball game, which was witthat always go on picnics to gather ferns and whisper to each other saccharine vanities, dinner was served, and it was a feast fit for a king, queen and little casino. The committee—poor, hard worked committee—had a menu that capped the climax as far as any picnic dinner is concerned, and there were tables, chairs, knives, forks and tin cups. This new style of eating at a picnic was enjoyed, and only a few

bugs landed in the pine-tagged lemonade.

After dinner the event of the day, a rifle shooting contest by the ladies, was heartily enjoyed. Miss Percie Bradley began the contest, and made 12 out of a possible 15. It was excellent shooting. for she was necessarily disconcerted at being the first one to make an attempt at the bull's eye. There were the other young ladies who also made fact that they would have to contest for the tie. Miss Leigh Smith, however, made 13, and received much applause, she is a petite little miss, and will wear the medal with credit. It is a pretty the medal with credit. It is a pretty conceit, with the Walker Light Guard

motto-Sempus Peratus. Soon afterwards the rifle shooting took Soon afterwards the rine shooting to place for the company medal, and Captain Cunningham and Private Baseler tied, both making 9 out of a possible 15. In the "shoot off" the captain won, but turned the medal over to Private Baseler. The scores made were as follows:

Sergeant Duesberry, 2: Sergeant Northern, 7; Sergeant Cole, 7; Sergeant Robertson, 3; Corporal Taliaferro, 8; Corporal States poral Starke, 8; Corporal Chapman, poral Starke, 8; Corporal Chapman, 5; Corporal Baseler, 9; Corporal Basehon, 0; Privates Adams, 5; Tignor, 2; Talla-ferro, 0; Parrish, 8; Scott, 0; Hunt, 0; Cock, 4; Perkins, 0; Doherty, 0; Rust, 0; L. C. Perkins, 6; McDuffin, 8; L. C. Figg. 2; Duglass, 0; Dickinson, 0; Clay-ton, 5; Mayer, 0; R. M. Figg. 0; Cavedo, 0; Talman, 6; Runge, 6; Daucy, 3; Weiss, 0; Smith, 1; Mathews, 0; Captain Cunning-ham 0; Heutenant Russell, 7; Dr. Hinchham, 0; Lieutenart Russell, 7; Dr. Hinch-man (surgeon), 7; Sherrick, 5. Corporal Jeddy Tallaferro was awarded

the prize for being the best base-ball

player.

Many thanks are due Major and Mrs.

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Walker for the use of their beautiful
Glen, and the Walker Light Guards'
Fourth will live in the momeries of many
as a day full of enjoyment and pleasure.

Phil. Kearny Post Celebrates.

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Phil. Kearny Post, G. A. R., had a pleasant outing yesterday at Fair Oaks. They chose a spot a short distance from the station in a little grove where one of the hottest fights of the war occurred. Many of the wives and daughters of members of the post accompanied them, and added to the pleasures of the day by instrumental and vocal music. Refreshments were provided in abundance, and the comrades after partaking of them the comrades after partaking of them whiled away the time pitching quotis, playing croquet and relating reminiscenses of the war. In order to combine business with pleasure, the ladies present held an informal meeting to discuss plans for forming a ladies, auxiliary to plans for forming a ladies' auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. Noth-ing definite was done yesterday, but the cuxiliary will be organized in a short

At 8 o'clock the party returned to Richmond, having spent a thoroughly happy and quiet day.

Went to West Point.

Fully eight hundred people went down to the seaboard at West Point yesterday on the excursion over the Richmond and Danville railroad. All the delights of this resort were indulged in. There were boating, sailing, fishing and crabbing without end. The happy but tired excursionists returned to go to bed and dream

of another happy Fourth of July.

Warwick Park was the scene of a large gathering of people on yesterday, principally ladies and children. Everybody enjoyed the cool shade and breezes of this ewly-improved and popular resort.

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Dancing, boating and fishing, with refreshments in abundance, made the day
pass all too soon. The schooner George
W. Anderson, in tow of the tug Smith
Petitit, made frequent trips, from the
wharf of the steamer Ariel to the park,
and each time carried a large crowd of the merry excursionists, making the last trip to and through Dutch Gap.

The Orphan Boys.

The boys from the Male Orphan Asylum spent their Fourth in Shelid's woods, where the kind care of Mrs. Gill had provided an abundance of refreshments, The boys enjoyed themselves thoroughly. and made the woods resound with their merry voices, as they engaged in amuse-ments and games of different kinds. The Misses Trahern kindly added to the pleasure of the orphans by their sweet singing. Among the many who went on picnics and excursions yesterday, probably none enjoyed themselves more than those boys, and Mrs. Gill is to be highly commended for providing this innocent pleasure for the orphans under her charge.

Trotting Race at the Fair Grounds. There was a trotting race at the Exposition grounds yesterday afternoon between Dashwood, entered by Joseph Lastier, and Nellie D., entered by J. D. Scabright. Four heats were trotted, re-

Scabright. Four heats were trotted, resulting as follows:

First heat, won by Dashwood, time, 2:45-1-2; second, Dashwood, 2:41-1-4; third, Nellie D., 2:44-1-4, and fourth. Dashwood, 2:8. The judges were Messrs. T. P. Gentry, C. P. Stokes and John Lindsey, there was some dispute. After the race there was some dispute in reference to the fourth heat and hot words ensued. The disputants finally came to blows, and a lively scrimmage took place for a few moments. No arreats were made

Pickett Camp.

Pickett Camp went up to Briggs' Farm, on the Richmond and Alleghany road, to enjoy the Fourth, and they had a royal good time of it. There were plenty of well-stocked lunch baskets, and the usual "accompaniments," and there was gen-uine pleasure for the old vererans to gather once more under the shade of the trees and bring to mind the memo-ries of the days they fought together. Several made impromptu speeches, and there was music in the air when the o'd camp songs were sung. Altogether, the day was delightfully spent.

Beimant Club Outlog.

Among the innumerable picnics and excursions yesterday was the enjoyable outing of the Belmont Club to Drewry's Bluff. Quite a large crowd went down and spent the day in this cool retreat, engaging in those amusements which should be indulged in on the Fourth. should be industed in on the Fourth. Sandwiches were masticated, lemonade was quaffed, and canned goods demoished. The party returned late last evening, with many pleasant memories of the occasion.

The Usual Thing.

Last night about 9 o'clock three little boys-Frank Teler, Garnett Davis and Willie Bull-were firing off a toy cannon by way of celebrating the Fourth, when Willie Bull, the owner of the cannon, dropped a lighted match into a pile of powder which they had left lying on the pavement. An explosion followed, young Toler and Davis, who were i ing over it, were badly burned about their faces. The little boys are sens of Mr. John F. Teler and Mrs. George C. Davis. Their injuries are very painful, but it is hoped not serious.

Notes About the Fourth.

The crowd at the postoffice between 4 and 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon to get the mail was tremendous. Patience went a long ways.

Many individuals returning from Forest Hill Park yesterday imperilled life and limb by riding on the tops of the cars. Some sat in the windows, and presented an amusing spectacle with their legs dangling out of the windows.

There were several quiet plenic par-ties in the Capitol Square, and the little tots of humanity had a merry time of

It feeding the squirrels.

Mr. Scott Parrish and a big party left Richmond yesterday morning for Old-Poiat, Ocean View and other interesting places by the sad sea surf.

There were quite a number of patriotic individuals last night who disturbed their usually peaceful neighborhoods with the

festive cracker and scurrying sky-rocket.
The small boy was in his glory, and to-day returns to his alphabet and geography with burnt fingers and singed hair.

THE RIOTING STUDENTS.

PARIS ONCE MORE THE SCENE OF

hair.

A country darky and his wife, who arrived in town early in the day, were hardly as peaceful about the time people began to come home for supper. The began to come nome for supper. The darky, while viewing the points of interest, became the possessor of a dark-colored jag, and arrrived at Sev-enth and Main streets not only as full as a tick, but bolster and pillows included. He boarded an east-bound car, and his angry wife caused no little consternation by continually yelling: "Don't let him ride; he ain't got no money."
The darky hung on until Eighth street
was reached, and then stumbled over to join his spouse, who was coming down the deserted thoroughfare eating an apple. In the classical language of Sev-enteenth street she "let into him" with

usual crowd to Old Point did not The usual crowd to Old Point did not go to that place yesterday. Most of those who usually spend the glorious Fourth there went down to the rendezvous, and prepared to spend the day otherwise. The celebration of the day yesterday was confined almost entirely to the masses. The fashlomable set was considered by the constraints of the control of the c spicuous by its absence, and only a few of them went to the seashore. Chimborazo Park presented an alto-

gether merry scene yesterday. Hundreds of people lounged therein.

The anglers got in their work on the

banks of the noble James, and the un-suspecting perch fared poorly. Many a merry scream announced the presence of the innocent three-year-olds in Monroe Park during the day. There was a large delegation of young ones who toddled across the grass regardless of or-ders, toyed with the gravels in the walk dors, toyed with the gravers in the wars and gave their nurses much anxiety in looking after Their safety, while the ex-treme youthful contingent, who cele-brated their first Independence day, squalled for freedom and tried to con-

vince the inhabitants in the neighbor-

hood that they were the people. The Richmond and Seven Pines railway did a rushing business yesterday. The crowd at Twenty-ninth and P streets seemed ever increasing. The load that each car took away seemed to make no impression upon the number. The ride to Seven Pines was calculated to shake the nerves of a strong man. The unfortunate writer of this piece secured a position in the middle of the aisle, and maintained his place to the bitter end, for upon the toe of his fairy foot was poised the form of a damsel of ebon hue and two hundred pounds avoirdupois, while the voice of a nursling of three summers struck the tynpanum of his right ear with the pleasing effect of a fifty-cent accordeon. To complete his misery an old maid on his right administered semi-occasional pokes in his ribs with an elbow newly whetted on the grindstone. Happily, there is an end to all things, and the scribe finally returned to his native city strongly resem-bling a seventy-five cent padlock which has been residing in a junk shop.

MANCHESTER DESERTED. The People All Left Town to Celebrate the

Fourth. MANCHESTER BUREAU RICEMOND TIMES, 1121 HULL STREET, BEATTIE BLOCK.

This city presented a deserted appear-

ance yesterday. The public offices closed, the business establishments shut their doors tight, and nearly everybody in Manchester took a day off for one of the excursions, picnics, or a seat on the grand stand at Forest Hill Park.

There were no less than half a dozen picnics to the woods of Chesterfield. Many wandered about beneath the shade of spreading oaks swammen the spreading oaks, swung in the swings with more or less gleesumeness, and sat around in sequestered nooks enjoying a tete-aete with the flirtatious young woman. delight on the base-ball diamond, the lit tle girl got her snow-white apron all rum-pled and spotted with grease, the young and festive sport carried his jag with an altogether independent air, and the an altogether independent air, and the glorious Fourth was celebrated in proper style, and with all the vigor and emphasis of Chesterfield Americans. Of course, everybody came home tired.

dusty, and not at all desirous to partake of the menu at supper; of course, the younger contingent will recall the day's doings for weeks to come, and pine fo another independent day until next year once more; of course, the car companie will make a snug little bank deposit, is consequence of the thousands that his themselves to Forest Hill Park, while the man that disregarded the dictates of his conscience, and told a poor, belated, half-starved newspaper man that the distance from Morrisett's store to Walker's Glen was only one half a mile, will have his reception—and a pretty warm one—in

A coal vein has been discovered on the place belonging to Mr. John Turpin, near Hillborough, Chesterfield county. The and it is said there is an abundance of the mineral on the place. There is some talk of epening a shaft, and it is be-lieved that the enterprise will prove a very lucrative one.
Several young Americans were arrested

in this city yesterday for disorderly conduct. They will have a hearing before the mayor's court this morning. An electric car on the Hull-street line jumped the track twice yesterday afternoon near Seventh street, and delayed

traffic for some time.

Mrs. J. G. Jeter, of Caroline, is visiting relatives on Porter street.

Misses Clay Willis and Marion Pulliam have returned from a visit to relatives in

From the University of North Carolina, CHAPEL HILL, N. C., July 4.—Special.—Work on the University of North Carolina buildings and grounds is rapidly progressing. Between 75 and 100 hands have been busy for a week or more, and

the campus looks like a city. Holman & Co. have pushed the work of laying pipes in a manner to make the head of the average Chapel Hill laborer swim and The growth of the University during the last two years is well illustrated by the

fact that the posmaster's salary has been raised from \$800 to \$1,200 by increased business in that time.

Twelve new rooms have been added to the dormitory capacity of the University

by changes in the location of the labora-tories, lecture rooms, &c.

There were seven married men among the students last year, and application since received indicate that the number will reached ten next year. This is an odex of the maturity of the students.

Applications are coming in from young ladies who desire to attend the University or to stand examinations and receive special certificates. Evidently "women are knocking at the doors of the University. mmer boarders are already arriving

The Summer Law School opens to-day with a prospect of twenty-five or thirty students. Chief Justice Shepherd arrived Saturday. He will give daily lectures be-fore the summer school. Among the law students is Mr. Fiarry Martin, step-son of Senator Vance.
Dr. Battle, Judge Shepherd and Presi-

dent Winston go to Greensboro this even-ing to help celebrate the battle of Guliford Courthouse.

Preventing a Run on a Bank.

DALLAS, TEX., July 4.—A Cisco special says: The doors of the National Bank of Cisco were closed by an inspector yesterday, while an examination of the bank's conditon is being made, to prevent a run by depositors. The cashier stated that the bank had two and a half dollars for every dollar liability.

ACTS OF VIOLENCE.

Students Fraternize With Workingmen They Erect Barricades in Various Streets\_Military Called Out,

PARIS, July 4.-Riotous demonstrations were made by students to-day at St. Germain des Pres and in the Rue Jacob near the Charity Hospital. The police were unable to disperse the mob. Eventually a large detachment of cavalry charged and scattered the students. The municipal councillors have decided to send a deputation to the funeral of M. Nuger, the clerk who was killed in the encounter between the police and the

encounter between the police and the students in the Latin quarter on Saturday. They have issued a proclamation, however, urging all persons who attend the funeral to act calmly and pacifically. It is rumored that the funeral will be held very early to-morrow morning.

The disorder in the streets increases hourly. The whole district, bounded by the Boulevard St. Germain, the river and the Rue De Seine, is in an uproar. Students, with crowds of roughs, fill the open spaces. Omnibuses and tram Cars are stopped by the mobs, the passengers are turned out and the vehicles are upset. On the Boulevard St. Germain, Qualare turned out and the vehicles are up-set. On the Boulevard St. Germain, Quai-Voltaire and the Rue St. Peres traffic has been suspended. The Rue St. Peres has been suspended. Pedestrians are stopped and maltreated. The Charity Hospital has been surrounded with cui-rassiers to keep off the students who threatened to attack the building. The Ministry of Public Works, the Marine Department and the Ecole des Beaux Arts are guarded by military. Skirmish-Arts are guarded by military. Skirmish-ing is reported intermittently from the Rue Jacob, the Voltaire Qual and the

Place St. Germain.

The students are trying to repeat the scenes of last night in the neighborhood of the Palais De Justice and Frefecture of Police. A mob assembled at the Place St. Michel and tried to rush over the bridge to the Boulevard Du Palais, which runs between the two buildings. They were met and driven back by a body of cavalry. They retreated, fighting, down the boulevard. Many students were tramthe boulevard. Many students were trampled or cut, and several cavalrymen were wounded by flying stones. At 16:30 the students have possession of a dozen streets between the Boulevard St. Germain and the Seine. Infantry and cavalry are at hand, however, to restrain them from breaking into the public buildings.

At 11:30 the whole district between the Public St. Peres and the College De France. Rue St. Peres and the College De France, two blocks east of the Boulevard St. Michel, is in full riot. Troops of cavalry and squads of police are stationed in every street. The students hold their ground. They are stopping all vehicles Scores of carts and carriages have been set on fire. Many students are using

The mobs in front of the Charity Hospi-The mobs in front of the Charty Hospital have been charged repeatedly by the police, but they fight back and will not disperse. Their allies in windows of buildings near the hospital have been pelting the police with crockery and furniture and cotton wool saturated with carbolic

Many policemen have been injured. Although holding the mob at the hospital in check, the police have been unsuc-cessful in taking the offensive. The

uirassiers have not as yet interfered.

The critical situation is complicated by he demonstrations of the workingmen. Three thousand of them met this evening in the Labor Exchange and decided to remain in the building all night to preemain in the building all night to prethreat to close it.

More than 1,500 workingmen are marching eight abreast through the district. It is reported that Nuger's Body will be sent to Lyons to-night, in order that no op-portunity for a demonstration at the funeral may be given. Students are watching the railway station to thwart the

The greatest anxiety is everywhere apparent. General Saussier, military gov-ernor of Paris, has prepared the garrison

Between 11 and 12 o'clock the mobs piled seized to barricade the st the shops between the Rue Des Peres and the College De France were closed in the evening. The names of the twenty men severely injured in the riots of the night had been reported. Twelve of the injured are in hospitals. M. Loze, prefect of police, tendered his resignation to the Government yesterday, but the Government declined to accept it until after the restoration of order.

A 1 o'clock the report from the Latin quarter says most of the windows were broken, the lamp posts were lying across the streets, the broken furniture and half smashed vehicles lay strewn over the pavements. A police brigadier is said to have been severely wounded with a re-

OPENING OF THE REICHSTAG.

A Modified Army Bill Will be Introduced

DERLIN, July 4.-The Reichstag was opened to-day by Emperor William in parson at noon, The Castle Guards marched into the White saloon, which occupies the southeastern corner of the Royal Palace, and took positions about the dais, from which His Majesty was to read his speech opening the session. Following the guards came the members of the Bundesrath, representatives of the individual States composing the German Empire. After them came the Minister of State and members of the Reichstag. When all had taken the positions assigned to them the Prince of Pless, grand marshal of the court, announced the approach of the Emperor by knocking the floor with his staff of office.

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The Emperor, attired in full military uniform, entered the saloon and proceeded directly to the dais, which was creeted to the right of the press gallery. Howing low, Chancellor Von Caprivi handed the research of the press of the control of the co handed the manuscript of the imperial speech to the Emperor. Holding himself erect, His Majesty read the speech in a irm, clear voice. The Emperor said: "Honored gentlemen;

Since you have been called in common to work for the Federal Government, I your deliberations. A bill concerning the peace footing of the army, which was submitted to the former Reichstag, to my regret did not find approval. It was the unanimous conviction, shared by all my high confederates that the Empire no longer could afford to renounce the development of the army system, necesary to guarantee the future safety of the Emptre. In the face of the develop-ment of military institutions, the relec-tion of the army bill was bound to lead to the resolution to dissolve the Reich-stag and order new elections.

"Since the first introduction of the bill the political situation in Europe has experienced no change. The relations of the Empire with other powers are thor-ougly friendly and free from all clouds. The proportion of Germany's organized military strength has, however, changed for the worse during the past year, when compared with that of our neighbors. If already Germany's geographical posiif already Germany's geographical posi-tion and historical development lay upon us the duty to maintain a relatively strong army, then a further increase in the military strength of the Empire be-comes a forcible necessity to satisfy the duties laid upon me by the constitution. I consider that all the means at our dis-posal must be utilized in order to estab-lish an effective defence of the Father-land.

"You will receive immediately a new bill regarding the peace footing of the army, in which there will be taken into army, in which there will be taken into account as far as possible certain desires expressed during the discussion of the late bill. Consequently, diminishing demands are made upon the personal capacities and tax-bearing power of the people as far as possible without endan-

gering the efficiency of the army. The Empire's interest requires, especially in view of the end of the Septennate next spring, that the bill be passed with the ut most dispatch so that the new recruit calls may be made in the autumn on the basis. Delay would influence unfavorably our strength for more than twenty years.
"With a view to enabling you to dedi-

cate undivided attention to the discussion of the bill the Government will not in the meantime introduce any other meas-

"I and my high confederates remain "I and my high confederates remain convinced that the means for the new organization can be procured, without overburdening the country, on the basis of the financial bill introduced in the Reichstag last autumn. At the opening of the winter session a bill will be presented, directed to obtaining means according to the capability of tax-payers. Until then the increased cost will be covered by the federated States through matriculation payments. triculation payments.

"Gentlemen, with great sacrifices, Germany has been united in one Empire. The nation honors most those who staked their blood and property on this work which led the fatherland to prosperity. To safe guard the glorious achievements which God has blessed us in our battle for independent. which God has blessed us in our battlefor independence, is our most sacred
duty. This duty we can only fulfill if
we make ourselves strong enough to
remain surety for Europe's peace.
"I trust you will not fail to give me
and my confederates your patriotic sacrifices and willing support in striving for
these nims."

these aims."

The Emperor's reference to the duty of the members of the Reichstag to preserve and guard that which the nation has won was greeted with hearty cheers. When the Emperor had concluded his written speech, loud and prolonged ap-When the Emperor had concluded his written speech, loud and prolonged applause greeted him. He stood waiting for quiet to be restored, and when he could be heard he added a few improvised re-

"Now, then, go. The good God looks upon you, and will lend you his blessing to complete this honest work for the benefit of the fatherland. Amen." The Bavarian Minister called for three cheers for the Emperor, and they were given with a hearty good will.

The members of the Social Democratic and Radical People's parties, and some of the Anti-Semites were not present at the ceremony of opening the Reichstag. Most of the members of the Centre or Catholic party were present, and there was a full attendance of the Govern ment groups.

A SAD CATASTROPHE. Many Miners Killed by an Explosion in a

Colliery. LONDON, July 4 .- An explosion occurred to-day in Ingram's Colliery, Thornhill, Yorkshire, at a time when 130 miners were at work. A relief party soon reached the bottom of the shaft, where four hodies were found, but the mine drifts were badly blocked by debris and filled with foul air. Operations were suspend-ed several hours, when the relief party again descended, and working their way slowly into the mine, found dead bodies lying in heaps. Many were brought to the surface, but work was again sus-pended, because of foul air. One hundred and forty-five men and boys went into the mine before the explosion. No living persons have yet been taken out. The scenes at the mouth of the pit are heart

ONE OF TOM CORWIN'S PRANKS. How He Rid His Sister of the Attentions of

an Obnexious Sulter, Among the many interesting things that were printed in the Louisville Journal of Monday, July 17, 1865, is the following amusing story, in which the famous Tom Corwin figured. Every one has heard of the eloquent, pathetic, and humorous stump orator of Ohio. He was pronounced by Henry Clay-a most com-petent authority-to be the finest stump speaker he had ever heard. He carried his love of fun into every department of life. In the private circle, where

of life. In the private circle, where he knew every person, and where he unbosomed himself fully, he was a most delightful conversationalist:

"I do not know," says a writer in the old Louisville Journal of the date above referred to, "that he now, as age and infirmities are creeping on, indules in the humorous proclivities so much as he used to do but some twenty years. up the carriages and carts which they he used to do, but some twenty years he used to tell with great gust

the following story: 'In early life-so early that I cannot remember the removal-my father pulled up stakes, and, carrying with him the household goods, went from Bourbon county, Ky., where I was born, to Ohlo. Notwithstanding a rough-and-tumble struggle with the world, I had a hard time to get on, owing to a numerous and rapidly increasing family. Well, family matters had not much improved when I reached my thirteenth or four

teenth year.
"'At this time there lived in the neighborhood a young man named Pickering.
He had inherited a well-stocked farm,
was good looking, and made a strong
profession of religion. This latter qualification caused him to find peculiar favor
in the eyes of my father, who always was blinded by professions of extra plety.
"This fellow had a strong bankering This fellow had a strong hancering after one of my sisters, who was a very pretty girl. To her he was peculiarly distasteful. She seemed always annoyed at his presence. Yet he was ever at her side. She dared not dismiss him entirely, for fear of the paternal anger. Things went on this way for a year of two, and as I partook largely of my sister's hatred of him, I resolved to ge rid of him in some way. I cast about some time for a plan, but nothing gave me the slightest hope of being success-

'At last, returning home late one summer night from the mill, I found the family at their nightly devotions. Passfamily at their nightly devotions. Passing by the windows of the room in which they were assembled, I saw that Pickering was there, and pretty soon discovered that he was nodding, and finally his head dropped. Now was my opportunity. I stole slyly into the hall, and, reaching the hall door, which was slightly ajar and close by which Pickering was "on bended knee." I reached in and quickly bended knee," I reached in and quickly pulling his chair from under him, he rolled heavily, as a sound sleeper would upon the floor. The noise alarmed all. The old gentleman stopped in the midst of his almost interminable prayer and saw the position of Pickering. All the family laughed outright; even my mother

smiled.
"Pickering endeavored to pick himself "Pickering endeavored to pick himself up as rapidly as possible, but he had touched the old man upon his tender point. It was evident, from his rubbling his eyes, that he flad slept under the old gentleman's ministrations; and had not my father a reputation far and wide for the strength and fervency of his ministrations, and was not Pickering his professing brother? Slowly, yet most dignifiedly, did the old gentleman approach him. "Begone, hypocrite!" he cried in thundering tones. "Never enter cried in thundering tones. "Never enter

my house again."
"Pickering was thunder struck. He felt that he could make no apology which would not add to the insult. He had no suspicion of the extra force which had aided him in his fail. He at once found his hat, took up his line of march, and, completely crestfallen, passed by me as I stood in the shadow of the porch.

I stood in the shadow of the porch.

"'At a suitable time I entered and got my supper, was told by my brother in hurried whispers what had happened, and then I stole off to bed, affecting ignorance, and laughing most heartly, as I ensconced myself between the sheets at the complete success of my plan. Next day I cautiously imparted my secret to my sister. She was in her own room at the time, and threw herself upon the bed and rolled in agonies and convulsions of laughter. She had been emancipated forever from an obnoxious lover. The old gentleman did not hear the real state of the facts for fully twenty years, but when he did he laughed heartlly."—Courier-Journal.

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